Remarks from the Principal
The Fourth Commencement
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Welcome parents, family, friends, faculty, administrators, school board members, and graduates to the fourth commencement of the East Stroudsburg Area Senior High School North. This commencement is very special since this class is the first class to complete all four years at East Stroudsburg Area Senior High School North.

Please bear with me as I have a lot of people to thank for this beautiful evening at The Arts Center. A very special thank you to all the people who worked together to make this commencement at the Mountain Laurel Center for the Performing Arts possible. A special thank you to the President and CEO of Resorts USA, Andy Worthington, the new CEO of The Arts Center, Richard Bryant, and Representative Kelly Lewis.

We're also very grateful to the following people and businesses who have contributed monetary donations to opening The Arts Center just for this special occasion: Shawnee Inn; Shawnee Mountain; Lester and Clementine Abeloff; Fernwood Resort; LTS Builders; Troy Nauman Builders; and Camelback. Without their generous donations this night would not be possible. I also want to thank the project coordinator for The Arts Center, Miles Ray, who worked very closely with us in helping us pull this off in nine short days. So, thank you, Miles.

I also want to thank Regina Farms for allowing us to borrow the beautiful plants and the decorations you see on the stage. Law Sound and Lighting, who is a former East Stroudsburg graduate, is taking care of all the lighting and sound that you are witnessing this evening. Sheriff Bueki volunteered his time to do parking control and, hopefully, got everyone in here on time. And also, to Bushkill Emergency for volunteering their time to be here this evening.

Finally, to my secretary, Cathy West, the senior class advisor, Sue Wilson, Sean Edwards, our stage manager, all our class officers: Phil Van Cleaf, Jessica Krupski, Megan Wallace, and Michelle Perry. And also, to Laura McCalla who was instrumental in making contact with Mr. Kelly Lewis.

I would I remiss if I we did not begin the ceremony with a heartfelt congratulations to the parents who have raised these young people to value the education offered to them. And have supported their children throughout four emotionally demanding years. To the graduates, we learned moving this graduation to The Arts Center in just nine days, the power of what people can do when they work together. As graduates, what I am wishing for you is that you do for the world and those in need that you come in contact with, what your alma mater has done for you. Be true to yourself and give of that truth to others. Impart knowledge, wisdom, and your best judgment, but most of all, acknowledge that service to others in life is your real treasure. A treasure beyond all imaginable. A treasure multiplied by the number of lives that you will touch. I wish this for each and every one of you. Thank you.